

Purpose of the Capital Improvements Program

This section provides detailed information on the County's Capital Improvements Program (CIP). Included in this section is the description and available funding for existing capital projects that have been financed through previous bond issues, capital outlay notes or grants.

An effective CIP is an important tool to promote advanced planning for future needs and the means to meet them. As a planning tool, the CIP helps to ensure that land acquisitions and construction projects are coordinated and well timed to avoid unnecessary or costly duplications. Also, since the CIP is reviewed and updated on an annual basis, long-range needs can be adjusted to reflect changing circumstances or priorities.

As a financial plan, the CIP represents land acquisition and facility planning in an environment of fiscal constraint in several ways. First, projects under consideration are evaluated annually against one another to assure that only priority projects receive funding. Second, essential improvements are planned in a manner commensurate with the County's ability to pay for them. As growth continues, the CIP will help the County avoid costly crisis expenditures of dollars that could dramatically increase the tax rate. Finally, the CIP attempts to take into account not only the construction costs of completing a capital project, but also the impact on the County's operating budget in subsequent years.

The CIP Process

Each year the County updates its long-range CIP plan. As part of the CIP process, the County departments and the Department of Education are asked to review and prioritize their capital needs for the next five years. They submit CIP requests, including project justifications and cost estimates, to the Finance Division to be reviewed for cost effectiveness, affordability and demonstrated need. The approved capital outlay budget funded by the General Fund is adopted as part of the Operating Budget for the coming year. The capital improvements funded by General Obligation Bonds or Notes are formally adopted by the County Commission when the Bond Resolution is approved. The CIP is funded each year from a variety of sources including debt proceeds, County appropriations and Federal and State aid as set forth below. Since departmental needs often change over time, the CIP is considered preliminary and subject to change by the County Commission for a given fiscal year. The General Obligation Bond CIP and County General Fund expenditures, in thousands, for fiscal years 2002-2005, by activity, are as follows:

<u>DIVISION</u>	Actual 2002	Actual 2003	Budget 2004	Projected 2004	Available 2005
Schools	\$20,983	\$13,001	\$32,147	\$16,084	\$16,063
General Government	7,695	22,237	43,276	16,649	26,627
Total	\$28,678	\$35,238	\$75,423	\$32,733	\$42,690

Current Capital Improvements Projects

Listed below are the uncompleted projects that have been funded by General Fund appropriations for Capital Outlay from the operating budget. General Fund Obligation Bonds with no impact on the General Fund operating budget (unless otherwise indicated). Those projects funded by the General Fund, sale of land or special fees are allocated when funds are available and special needs have been established. Each project description reflects capital funds available for FY 2005, estimated expenditures for the projects during 2004 and capital funds remaining for the completion of the project.

Accounting Department

Funding Source: Bond Funds

The Accounting Department plans to update the office suite with new carpet, furniture, fixtures and equipment. Three million dollars was allocated for a new financial software package and implementation.

Total Available FY 2004	Estimated Obligations FY 2004	Total Remaining FY 2005
3,121,007	313,984	2,807,023

Impact on the General Fund: Estimated \$60,000 yr. for service contract

County Auditor

Funding Source: Bond Funds

The County Auditor plans to update the office suite with new carpet, furniture, fixtures and equipment.

Total Available FY 2004	Estimated Obligations FY 2004	Total Remaining FY 2005
10,973	1,023	9,950

Impact on the General Fund: None

County Board of Commission

Funding Source: Bond Funds

The County Board of Commission plans to install a computer network.

Total Available FY 2004	Estimated Obligations FY 2004	Total Remaining FY 2005
40,000	-	40,000

Impact on the General Fund: None

Courthouse Renovation

Funding Source: Bond Funds

The Courthouse renovation began with the FY 02 budget year. The Courtroom communication technology facilities will be updated along with renovation of the existing structure and furnishings.

Total Available FY 2004	Estimated Obligations FY 2004	Total Remaining FY 2005
3,659,431	289,395	3,370,036

Impact on the General Fund: None

Election Commission

Funding Source: Bond Funds/General Fund

The Election Commission plans to purchase voting machines, printers and furniture with these funds.

Total Available FY 2004	Estimated Obligations FY 2004	Total Remaining FY 2005
40,000	-	40,000

Impact on General Fund: None

Elevator Repair in Newell Towers

Funding Source: Bond Funds/General Fund

This appropriation is provided to repair the elevator in the Newell Towers.

Total Available FY 2004	Estimated Obligations FY 2004	Total Remaining FY 2005
118,720	20,220	98,500

Impact on the General Fund: None

Emergency Management Services

Funding Source: Bond Funds/General Fund

The Emergency Management Agency purchased a new Command Post Van and is updating the mobile emergency operations center used for communications during major disasters and multiple agency incidents. The cost includes 800 MHz radios. Also, allocated in this activity is the cost of alarm systems for County buildings.

Total Available FY 2004	Estimated Obligations FY 2004	Total Remaining FY 2005
410,444	289,759	120,685

Impact on General Fund: None

Emergency Medical Services

Funding Source: Bond Funds/General Fund

These appropriations will provide PDA software, mobile radios and maintenance on emergency vehicles.

Total Available FY 2004	Estimated Obligations FY 2004	Total Remaining FY 2005
791,422	140,795	650,627

Impact on General Fund: Approx. \$300,000 a year for staffing and operations.

Engineering Projects

Funding Source: Bond Funds/General Fund

Included in this capital improvement activity is Engineering's projected cost of roadway construction and drainage construction.

Total Available FY 2004	Estimated Obligations FY 2004	Total Remaining FY 2005
1,670,816	48,369	1,622,447

Impact on General Fund: None

Health Department Projects

Funding Source: Bond Funds

This activity provides for minor renovation including the installation of HVAC systems.

Total Available FY 2004	Estimated Obligations FY 2004	Total Remaining FY 2005
124,203	104,203	20,000

Impact on General Fund: None

Highway Projects

Funding Source: Bond Funds/General Fund

This activity provides funding for heavy equipment used in road construction and maintenance. The equipment to be purchased includes two crew vans and a truck with container roll off.

Total Available FY 2004	Estimated Obligations FY 2004	Total Remaining FY 2005
996,074	147,750	848,324

Impact on General Fund: None

Industrial Development Projects

Funding Source: Bond Funds

The Industrial Development Project is for the purpose of developing land to encourage commercial, industrial and manufacturing enterprises to locate within the boundaries of Hamilton County.

Total Available FY 2004	Estimated Obligations FY 2004	Total Remaining FY 2005
11,801,468	7,148,684	4,652,784

Impact on General Fund: None

Information Technology Services Projects

Funding Source: Bond Funds/General Fund

The County's ITS Department bond fund appropriation is for an alternative data site and remodeling. The General Fund appropriation includes software and service upgrades.

Total Available FY 2004	Estimated Obligations FY 2004	Total Remaining FY 2005
270,532	7,663	262,869

Impact on General Fund: None

Juvenile Court Clerk Projects

Funding Source: Bond Funds/General Fund

A building was purchased during FY 2001 and is being renovated to house the Hamilton County Child Support Division. The General Fund appropriation includes funding for HVAC repairs and computers.

Total Available FY 2004	Estimated Obligations FY 2004	Total Remaining FY 2005
88,028	5,113	82,915

Impact on General Fund: None

Maintenance Projects

Funding Source: Bond Funds/General Fund

This activity encompasses the renovation of the County's buildings and infrastructure. The projects for FY 05 include retrofitting jail doors with new locking devices.

Total Available FY 2004	Estimated Obligations FY 2004	Total Remaining FY 2005
190,924	123,473	67,451

Impact on General Fund: None

Microfilm

Funding Source: Bond Funds/General Fund

The appropriation for this activity is to purchase additional microfilm equipment and construct a storage room for the County's centralized records.

Total Available FY 2004	Estimated Obligations FY 2004	Total Remaining FY 2005
37,638	4,523	33,115

Impact on General Fund: None

Miscellaneous

Funding Source: Bond Funds/General Fund

The County has several smaller projects that are consolidated under this category. Also included in this activity is the administration expense of the bond funds. The General Fund appropriation includes vehicles, computers and printers.

Total Available FY 2004	Estimated Obligations FY 2004	Total Remaining FY 2005
1,909,400	238,017	1,671,383

Impact on General Fund: None

Recreation

Funding Source: Bond Funds

The Recreation Department is responsible for developing additional recreational facilities.

Total Available FY 2004	Estimated Obligations FY 2004	Total Remaining FY 2005
3,216,671	706,805	2,509,866

Impact on General Fund: Maintenance costs

Recycling Projections

Funding Source: Bond Funds

The Recycling Department is scheduled to complete an additional recycling center in FY 05. The site will require roadway construction and prep site construction.

Total Available FY 2004	Estimated Obligations FY 2004	Total Remaining FY 2005
174,900	83,688	91,212

Impact on General Fund: Estimated \$4,500

Riverwalk

Funding Source: Bond Funds/General Fund

Construction of the final phase of the final five miles of the Tennessee Riverpark continues. Also included is the General Fund appropriation for repairs to the fishing pier.

Total Available FY 2004	Estimated Obligations FY 2004	Total Remaining FY 2005
984,583	697,336	287,247

Impact on General Fund: None

Sheriff Department Projects

Funding Source: Bond Funds/General Fund

This appropriation is for numerous capital expenditures for equipment and building construction for a site office. The General Fund appropriation includes new patrol cars and equipment packages.

Total Available FY 2004	Estimated Obligations FY 2004	Total Remaining FY 2005
656,567	31,303	625,264

Impact on General Fund: None

Silverdale Correctional Facility

Funding Source: Bond Funds

The Corrections project is for the continuing renovation and updating of the detention center.

Total Available FY 2004	Estimated Obligations FY 2004	Total Remaining FY 2005
2,656,567	1,758,016	898,551

Impact on General Fund: Increase in revenue for housing additional prisoners less expenses

Telecommunications**Funding Source: Bond Funds**

This appropriation includes funding for a backup switch and other hardware.

Total Available FY 2004	Estimated Obligations FY 2004	Total Remaining FY 2005
306,106	45,278	260,828

Impact on General Fund: None

Water & Wastewater Treatment Authority**Funding Source: Bond Funds**

This project includes construction of addition water and sewer lines.

Total Available FY 2004	Estimated Obligations FY 2004	Total Remaining FY 2005
10,000,000	4,443,429	5,556,571

Impact on General Fund: None

Schools**Funding Source: Bond Funds**

The appropriations for schools is for the purchase of land, construction and capital maintenance and repairs for the Hamilton County Schools.

Total Available FY 2004	Estimated Obligations FY 2004	Total Remaining FY 2005
32,146,793	16,083,952	16,062,841

Impact on General Fund: None

Available Funding for FY 2005 projects for Hamilton County Government and the Department of Education

\$ 42,690,201